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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ARTICLE CRITICIZES U.S. MILITARY MISSION
TO SOMALIA

1. JUNE 4 PRAVDA CARRIES SHORT TASS ITEM TITLED "USA
ARMS SOMALIA" WHICH STATES THAT U.S. DECISION TO SEND
MILITARY MISSION TO SOMALIA IS FIRST STEP TOWARD BEGIN-
NING SUPPLY OF HUGE (\$15 MILLION) CONSIGNMENT OF
WEAPONS TO THAT COUNTRY. FOREIGN WIRE SERVICES CITED
WEAPONS SUPPLY TO SOMALIA BY "OTHER COUNTRIES OF NATO",
PRC, SAUDIA ARABIA AND EGYPT.

2. TASS SARCASTICALLY NOTES WASHINGTON POST CLAIM THAT
WEAPONS ARE DEFENSIVE AND THAT SOMALI LEADERSHIP
DOES NOT INTEND TO USE THEM AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY.
NO ONE THREATENS SOMALIA, SAYS TASS, AND "SO CALLED
DEFENSIVE WEAPONS" SUPPLIED TO THAT COUNTRY BY THE
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WEST IN THE PAST WERE UTILIZED IN AGGRESSIVE WAR
AGAINST ETHIOPIA.

3. COMMENT. PRAVDA ARTICLE IS FIRST (AND SO FAR ONLY)
PRESS ITEM WE HAVE SEEN ON U.S. MILITARY MISSION, BUT
MORE ARE SURE TO COME. MATLOCK

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